

**MINUTES OF MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
TRANSPORTATION SAFETY COMMITTEE**

September 18, 2007
MAG Cholla Room, 2nd Floor
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Robert Maki, Surprise	Shelly Seyler for Marc Scott, City of Tempe
Reed Henry, ADOT	Kelly LaRosa, City of Avondale
Tom Roberts for Martin Johnson, Chandler	Jamal Rahimi, City of Peoria
*Lorenzo Aguirre, El Mirage	*Mary Kihl, ASU
+Ken Maruyama, Gilbert	Jennifer Brown, FHWA
Chris Lemka, Glendale	Carol Ketcherside, RPTA
*Doug Dobson, Apache Junction	*Lt. Mike Lockhart, DPS
Peggy Rubach for Chris Plumb, Maricopa County	Michelle Donati for Linda Gorman, AAA Arizona
Larry Talley, Mesa	Linda Mendyka, GOHS
*William Mead, Paradise Valley	*Tom Burch, AARP
*Luke Albert, City of Goodyear	
Kerry Wilcoxon, City of Phoenix	
*Paul Porell, City of Scottsdale	

OTHERS PRESENT

Janet Strauss, RPTA	Sarath Joshua, MAG
Karen King, FHWA	Kiran Guntupalli, MAG
Hong Huo, City of Chandler	Leo Luo, MAG
Pradeep Tiwari, ADOT	

+Teleconference

*Not present or represented by proxy

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Bob Maki called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM

2. **Approval of July 17, 2007 Meeting Minutes**

A few errors in the minutes were pointed out by Carol Ketcherside. Kerry Wilcoxon moved to approve the minutes with the noted corrections, Larry Talley seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2007, meeting.

3. **Call to Audience**

Chairman Robert Maki made a call to the audience providing an opportunity to members of the public to address the Transportation Safety Committee. No comments were received from the public.

4. Program Managers Report

Sarath Joshua reported on the following items:

- Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Council (GTSAC) and subcommittee activities
 - Last meeting held on August 1st
 - SHSP was presented, reviewed and approved by GTSAC. It has been signed and forwarded to the Governor by August 30th
 - A presentation on Road Safety Audit Program
 - Upcoming RSA's in the MAG Region:
 - Mesa: Broadway Rd/Stapley Dr
 - Scottsdale: Scottsdale Road (FLW to Thompson Peak Parkway)
 - Legislative Priorities/Initiatives for 2008
 - Booster Seats
 - Primary Seat Belts
 - Impaired and Underage Drinking
 - Photo Radar Enforcement – keep it from being banned
 - Distracted Driving – more enforceable than text messaging ban
 - Next GTSAC meeting – Nov 7, 2007
- Elderly Mobility Sign Project
 - ASU was selected by MAG to carry out the evaluation project
 - A contract with ASU is being developed
 - MAG member agencies have been requested to report all sign project locations to MAG by Sept 19th
 - Project activities are expected to start in October 2007

5. Regional Transportation Safety Information Management System(RTSIMS) – Phase II Project 1

Sarath Joshua provided a brief introduction on RTSIMS. The scope of work for the RTSIMS Phase-II Project 1 was presented to the committee for their review and comment by Kiran Guntupalli. Larry Talley asked if there are any off-the-shelf software packages available to perform the safety analysis that MAG desires. Sarath Joshua responded that in Task 1 the consultant will review the availability of such packages for performing the safety analysis that MAG intends to carryout. The MAG Transportation Safety Committee will be providing technical oversight for this project and will review findings and help select the preferred path for developing the system.

6. Crossing Guard Training Workshops and Video

Kiran Guntupalli reported that MAG, in partnership with its member agencies and AAA Arizona, hosted two School Crossing Guard Training workshops in Glendale and Mesa on August 3rd and 10th respectively. Both these workshops were attended by approximately 450 crossing guards. MAG is developing a new training video for school crossing guards. It is based on the Guardians of the Future video developed by the City of Phoenix, but providing a more regional outlook. A draft version of a new Guardians of Future video that was utilized at the workshops was presented to the committee for their comment.

7. Arizona's Strategic Highway Safety Plan

Reed Henry provided a brief report on the Strategic Highway Safety Plan (SHSP). The development of the SHSP was led by Arizona DOT, assisted by the consulting firm iTrans Consulting. This plan was developed to meet new requirements specified in SAFETEA-LU and will help the state continue receiving FHWA safety funds. The SHSP is based on a five pronged approach to improve road safety in the state. The five focus areas are:

- Restraint Use
- Impaired Driving
- Speeding
- Young Drivers
- Roadway/ Roadside Safety

The SHSP describes appropriate Educational, Enforcements and Engineering strategies for each of these focus areas.

8. Arizona Safe Routes to School Program

Karen King of FHWA provided a briefing on the status of the Safe Routes to School Program. She stated that Brian Fellows, the ADOT Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program Manager could not attend the meeting due to a conflict in his schedule. She mentioned that ADOT will be inviting applications from agencies for SRTS grants during the last week of September. The agencies can apply for funding in four categories

- Infrastructure projects -Total \$850,000, maximum award per project \$250,000
- Non Infrastructure projects - Total \$275,000, maximum award per project \$45,000
- Regional projects - Total \$45,000 , maximum award per project \$15,000
- Planning Assistance - Total \$20,000 , maximum award per project \$10,000

The applications will be due to ADOT by December 21, 2007

9. Reports by Committee members on Transportation Safety Activities

Chris Lemka from City of Glendale reported that Glendale has started photo enforcement for red-light running. Currently enforcement is carried out at one location in Glendale. The system is currently issuing warnings for first 30days and it will be issuing citations afterwards. Jamal Rahimi of Peoria reported that they are planning projects in their Capital Improvement Program to improve safety at top 10% worst intersection locations identified as part of citywide safety analysis. Larry Talley of Mesa reported that this is his last meeting as he will be joining ADOT as the TRCC coordinator. Jennifer Brown of FHWA reported that ADOT LTAP is hosting a training session on Designing Single-Lane Roundabouts. She asked anyone interested to contact LTAP office to register for this training session.

10. Next meeting

The next Transportation Safety Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on November 20, 2007 at 10:00AM in Cholla Room at MAG.

11. Adjournment

Chairman Robert Maki adjourned the meeting at 11:40 AM.